

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The final Office Action dated April 4, 2006 has been received and contents carefully reviewed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-6 and 10.

By this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-2, 7-9 and 11-18 without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, all pending claims, claims 3-6 and 10, are in condition for immediate allowance.

If the Examiner deems that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number (202) 496-7500. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

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